
What happens during a chiropractic exam?

First, a complete history will be taken. Next, a static exam of the animals spine and muscles will be performed to look for areas of pain, sensitivity or heat. A gait analysis will look for any asymmetry in the animals movement. Motion palpation is then performed, focusing on the joints of the spine. This allows the doctor to find joints that are not moving correctly.

These are called Vertebral Subluxation Complexes (VSC).

When a VSC is found, a high velocity-low amplitude thrust (adjustment) is performed to restore more normal motion. After the exam, a plan for aftercare is decided, which is specific to every animal.

Is it safe?

Chiropractic care is very safe when performed by properly trained doctors. Dr. LeZotte has received an advanced training (210 hours) certificate by an approved animal chiropractic training program as well as passed rigorous written and practical testing.

WHAT ARE SOME SIGNS?

The following signs may indicate your animal needs chiropractic care:

- Reduced performance
- Abnormal posture
- Sensitive to touch on back
- Stiffness
- Shortened stride
- Behavior problems
- Muscle wasting
- Digestive problems



What happens after the adjustment?

To get the maximum benefit of chiropractic care it is important to follow the doctor's aftercare instructions. We typically like the animal to be able to move around freely after an adjustment. No hard work for the following day. How soon can this animal return to work depends on the specific problems they have. It is also critical that any nail trimming problems be addressed. How often your animal needs to be seen depends on the severity and chronicity of the problem. In general, the longer standing the issue, the more treatments will be required.

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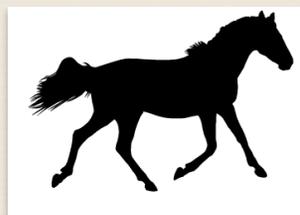
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What causes a Vertebral Subluxation Complex?

Animals can develop reduced spinal motion for a variety of reasons. They can be a result of a fall or other trauma or simply an occupational hazard such as being ridden. Conformation faults such as long backs or sway backs can predispose an animal to VSCs. Unbalanced hips and trimming as well as poor fitting harnesses also can contribute to neck and back problems.

As much as we hate to admit it, as riders and owners we all have some degree of crookedness or strength differences. This can have a profound effect on an animal's spine.

Chronic lameness will cause the animals to compensate in their spine. Even the birthing process can cause problems in the mother as well as the baby.



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What is Chiropractic care?

Chiropractic care is a manual therapy that focuses on dysfunction of the spine and its effect on the nervous system. Chiropractic treatment can be used for a variety of problems as well as a prophylactic treatment to maintain optimum health and fitness. It does not replace traditional veterinary care, but can integrate well into a traditional veterinary treatment plan.

